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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,630,123
2. JP 8-123535
3. JP 8-212273
4. JP 9-30616
5. JP 10-194412
6. JP 10-240717

Reference 1 is cited on page 2 of the specification.

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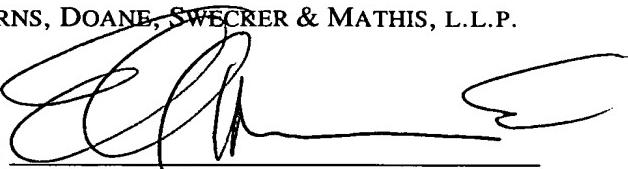
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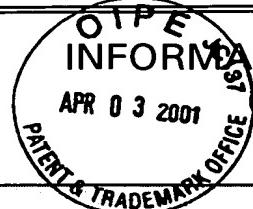
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